copy of which is attached. *(See below).*

*Re^oultion adopted by The National Integration Council*

The National Integration Council, at its meeing held at New Delhi on 11th April, 1990, expresses its grave concern over the escalation in terrorist violence in Punjab and the anti-national activities of secessionists in the Kashmir Valley, the emergence of forces of separatism in Assam and the increase in commuanal tension in the country. This meeting also notes with anxiety the re-emergence with greater severity, of destabilising forces which are operating in the garb of terrorism, c< mmunal fanaticism and separatism which are receiving assistance from across the border.

2. After recieving the communal situation in the country, the Council resolves to set up a Committee to recommend a plan of action to effectively counter this growing menace.

3. In revard to Ram Janma Bhoomi Babri Masjid controversy, the Council appeals to all concerned to exercise utmost restraint and seek an amicable solution of the problem as earlv as possible.

4. The Council reaffirms the resolve of the nation and the determination of all political parties and groups to defend the freedom, unity, integrity and secular character of the nation. It also reiterates its resolve to mobUies all nationalist, democratic and secular forces to meet the challenge of violence, secessionism, communalism and fundamentalism.

5. The Council affirms the resolve of the people to meet the challenges facing the country's unity, integrity and its secular democratic polity in a united and determined manner.

**Protection to minorities**

1516. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZl: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are committed to provided fullest protection to religious and ethnic minorities in pursuing their modes of worships, following their personal laws and development of their institutions;

(b) if so, the. details of these commitments;

(c) whether Government have taken any steps to achieve their Commitments; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reason therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. The people of India have opted for a SOVEREIGN SOCIALIST SECULAR DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC with provisions for justicer Liberty, Equality and Fraternity for the unity and integrity of the nation. The Constitution has also provided adequate provisions for protection to religious and ethnic minorities *vide* Articles 25, 26, 29 and 30 of the Constitution.

**Telephone Connection from Shahdara Exchange**

1517. SHRI ANAND PRAKASH GAUTAM: Will the M, nis<et of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question 1932 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 28th March, 1990 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that most of the new telephone connections released in Shahdara Exchange with level No. 228 are from the Non-OYT or SS category; and